

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-6 and 10-23 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 7-9 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 6, 17 and 18 are sought to be amended. Support for amended claim 6 is found throughout the claims and specification as originally filed.

The amendment to claims 17, 18 and the specification at paragraph 0013 was made to correct a typographical error. SEQ ID NO:7 represents amino acids 98-119 of SEQ ID NO:2, however, there was one amino acid missing from SEQ ID NO:7 (threonine at position 102 of SEQ ID NO:2). Support for the amendment to claims 17 and 18 and the specification at paragraph 0013 can be found in Table 1 at page 7.

The specification has been further amended to insert a substitute Sequence Listing. The sequence listing has been amended to correct SEQ ID NO:7 as indicated above and update the priority information. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825, the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing submitted herewith are identical. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825, this submission includes no new matter.

Applicants note that the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 37 U.S.C. § 371, dated April 3, 2007 required the submission of a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form. The submission of the Substitute Sequence Listing and the computer readable copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing filed herewith fulfills this requirement.

Thus, these changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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